

APPENDIX E



Abstract

A prefastened, pant-like, refastenable, disposable absorbent article and methods of making the same is disclosed. The pant-like disposable absorbent article includes an absorbent chassis and a pair of front and back panels. The absorbent chassis defines a pair of laterally opposed side edges and a pair of longitudinally opposed waist edges. The opposed back panels are permanently attached to each of the side edges of the absorbent chassis in the back waist region of the absorbent article to provide a permanent joint. The opposed front panels are refastenably attached to each of the side edges of the absorbent chassis in the front waist region of the absorbent article to provide a refastenable joint. The front and back side panels are permanently connected together along a side seam to define a waist opening and a pair of leg openings in the pant-like disposable absorbent article. In use, the pant-like, prefastened, refastenable, disposable absorbent article can function in a similar manner to conventional training pants when in the prefastened configuration, or they can be unfastened prior to or during use to function in a refastenable manner similar to conventional diapers.